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C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 6185

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLOS EC

SUBJECT: GOE PESSEMISTIC ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR LOS SETTLEMENT IN 1976

REF: A) QUITO 6186 B) QUITO 6007

1. AMBASSADOR RAFAEL GARCIA VELASCO, FOREIGN MINISTRY LEGAL ADVISOR AND MINISTRY PRINCIPAL ON LAW OF THE SEA, TOLD DCM AND POLCOUNS ON AUGUST 20 THAT GOE WAS PESSIMISTIC ABOUT REACHING AN LOS AGREEMENT DURING 1976. THIS VIEW IS BASED ON THE TIME AVAILABLE FOR MEETINGS AND, INSPITE OF WHAT THE GOE SEES AS A HARDENING US POSITION ON DEEP SEA RESOURCES, NOT ON A LACK OF GOODWILL OR THE INTRANSIGENCE OF PARTICIPANTS.

2. THE ECUADOREAN GOVERNMENT, ACCORDING TO GARCIA, BELIEVES THAT THE GREATEST SUBSTANTIVE OBSTACLE IN REACHING A FINAL

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AGREEMENT MAY NO LONGER BE THE LIMIT OF COASTAL WATERS AND

THE STRAITS ISSUE BUT THE EXPLOITATION OF DEEP SEA RESOURCES.  
AMB GARCIA SAID THAT THE SECRETARY'S REQUIREMENT THAT AN  
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION COULD NOT DETERMINE PRICES AND  
PRODUCTION LEVELS WOULD BECOME A GREAT STUMBLING BLOCK.  
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FEAR THAT THE PRICE OF THEIR OWN  
RAW MATERIALS AND, THEREFORE, THEIR FOREIGN EXCHANGE  
EARNINGS COULD BE AFFECTED ADVERSELY BY ADVANCED NATIONS'  
EXPLOITATION OF DEEP SEA RESOURCES. GARCIA SAID DEVELOPING  
COUNTRIES WOULD ALSO BE RESISTANT TO EXPLOITATION BY  
PRIVATE COMPANIES.  
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